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**1 – Austin water drinkable again, but keep usage low, officials say, Austin American-Statesman, 10/28/18**

<https://www.statesman.com/news/20181028/austin-water-drinkable-again-but-keep-usage-low-officials-say>  
Just under a week after Austin leaders issued a boil-water notice that sent residents into an uncertain limbo that edged on panic before settling into mild irritation, Austin Water officials on Sunday gave the green light to drinking water straight from the tap.

**2 – Why the EPA is looking to Texas for scientific advice, Austin American-Statesman, 10/26/18**

<https://www.statesman.com/news/20181026/why-epa-is-looking-to-texas-for-scientific-advice>  
Among the newly named members of a key U.S. Environmental Protection Agency science advisory board is a deputy toxicologist for the state of Texas whose work has been criticized as part of a state effort to downplay the health effects of smog.

**3 – Texas complains about cost of meeting pollution standards, E&E News, 10/26/18**

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2018/10/26/stories/1060104511>  
The head of Texas' environmental agency is attacking long-standing procedures for meeting national air quality standards only two weeks after one of his employees won appointment to an EPA advisory panel that helps set those standards.

**4 – GM proposes electric car mandate, The Hill, 10/26/18**

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/413399-overnight-energy-gm-pushes-for-national-electric-car-mandate>  
Major car manufacturer General Motors is asking the Trump administration to back a national car program that would make automakers in all 50 states annually increase their output of electric vehicles.

**5 – 21 States, 5 Cities Demand Trump Administration Preserve California's Stricter Fuel Efficiency Guidelines, Fortune, 10/26/18**

<http://fortune.com/2018/10/26/states-demand-weaker-clean-car-rules-withdrawn/>  
Attorney generals from 21 states and leaders of five cities demanded that the Trump administration withdraw its attempt to weaken clean car standards. The federal government said it will weaken federal targets for vehicle fuel efficiency, and end California's ability to set stricter standards than those applied nationally.

**6 – EPA Chided Over Defense to Gulf Pollution Claims, Bloomberg, 10/26/18**

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/product-liability-and-toxics-law/epa-chided-over-defense-to-gulf-pollution-claims>  
A federal judge chided the EPA for defending itself from an environmental group's suit by asserting that its documents on loosened oxygen standards for some Gulf Coast waters "speak for themselves."

**7 – Progress in Craft-Turney water supply issues TCEQ continues investigating source of contamination, The Cherokeean Herald, 10/26/18**

<https://www.thecherokeean.com/articles/45201/view>

While the do not use order has been lifted for Craft Turney Water Supply Corporation's customers, state and corporation officials continue to work together to determine the source of the recent contamination found in the utility's water.

**8 – Baton Rouge area groundwater commission won't follow 'absurd' state law, chairman says, Baton Rouge Advocate, 10/27/18**

[https://www.theadvocate.com/baton-rouge/news/environment/article\\_d563ac36-d87b-11e8-b7ea-ff9b97013687.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton-rouge/news/environment/article_d563ac36-d87b-11e8-b7ea-ff9b97013687.html)

The chairman of the local groundwater commission says he isn't going to let "absurd" state laws prevent Ascension Parish from having a say in managing the area's main aquifer.

**9 – Panel OKs effort to set rule on wells, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/28/18**

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/oct/28/conservation-plan-adds-2-watersheds-epa-1/>

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission has approved starting a rule-making process to transfer a permitting program for oil and gas disposal wells from one state agency to another.

**10 – Panel delays action on water quality plan from Huntsville, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/28/18**

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/oct/28/panel-delays-action-on-water-quality-pl/>

A proposal to change water quality standards in Northwest Arkansas to accommodate for a city's wastewater treatment plant was tabled Friday by an environmental regulatory oversight commission.

**11 – Attorney: Saline Creek gravel operation should be shut down now, Tulsa World, 10/28/18**

[https://www.tulsaworld.com/news/local/attorney-saline-creek-gravel-operation-should-be-shut-down-now/article\\_0a779c6a-1f3a-58be-b629-a6e3cfd89436.html](https://www.tulsaworld.com/news/local/attorney-saline-creek-gravel-operation-should-be-shut-down-now/article_0a779c6a-1f3a-58be-b629-a6e3cfd89436.html)

After a gravel mining operation's U.S. Supreme Court bid was denied early this month, an attorney fighting the operation on Saline Creek said it should have been shut down by now to prevent any further damage.

**12 – San Angelo one of many entities pursuing wastewater reuse programs, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/28/18**

<https://www.gosanangelo.com/story/news/2018/10/27/san-angelo-one-many-entities-pursuing-wastewater-reuse-programs/1789968002/>

Even in the midst of a particularly rainy year, West Texans know the next drought may be just around the corner, and conservation is always the best policy.

**13 – EPA grant to aid agriculture training site, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/28/18**

<https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/oct/26/springdale-s-towne-park-sold-for-28-9m-/>

The National Center for Appropriate Technology in Fayetteville was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to help restore a 170-year-old farm into a training site.

**14 – Opinion: 'Environmentalism' shouldn't be a dirty word for Republicans, Houma (LA) Courier, 10/28/18**

<http://www.houmatoday.com/news/20181027/opinion-environmentalism-shouldnt-be-dirty-word-for-republicans>

Is there a more despised word among Republicans than "environmentalist"? For many GOP voters, the term conjures up a mental image of tree-hugging socialists hell-bent on regulating our country back to the Stone Age.

